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SUBJECT: TURNOVER OF INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS
SYSTEM TO RTG

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1. AUTHORITY TO TURN OVER THE INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS
SYSTEM (ICS) IS BOUND UP IN THE MUCH BROADER QUESTION OF
THE FUTURE DISPOSITION OF OUR FORCES IN THAILAND.
SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S OCTOBER 11 MEMORANDUM ON LONG-
TERM LEVELS CONTAINED IN HIS PREFERRED OPTION A SPECIFIC
RECOMMENDATION THAT THE ICS BE PHASED TO THAI CONTROL OVER
A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS WITH PROVISIONS FOR CONTINUED U.S.
USE TO BE ARRANGED WITH THE RTG. THE NSC SUBSEQUENTLY
ASKED FOR ANOTHER OPTION FOR THE PRESIDENT'S CONSIDERATION,
AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE CURRENT NSC RECOMMENDATION ON
FUTURE REDEPLOYMENTS DOES NOT ADDRESS TRANSFER OF THE ICS.

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2. WE HAVE POINTED OUT ON AN INFORMAL BASIS TO THE NSC THAT SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER THE ICS HAS NOT BEEN ACTED UPON. WE ALSO HAVE SUGGESTED THAT AUTHORITY TO PROCEED BE INCORPORATED IN THE INSTRUCTION TRANSMITTING THE PRESIDENT'S ULTIMATE DECISION ON THE BROADER QUESTION OF FUTURE REDEPLOYMENTS. KISSINGER

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